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1. Shkoder

- a. The headquarters of the Shkoder military district is located in a building which formerly housed the Italian military district command; 200 men are on duty in the district headquarters.
- b. A battalion of infantry and about 700 men of the border guard are quartered in a group of buildings facing the military hospital, on the road leading to the airport. An additional 1,600 men of the border guard are billeted in buildings near the airfield.
- c. On the heights surrounding Shkoder are located six or seven anti-aircraft cannons, of Italian manufacture, caliber unknown.
- d. 600 Sigurimi men are quartered in a two-story barracks in the center of the city. About 500 men are quartered in a two story building in the Old City, near the bridge which leads to the cement factory; and 30 of these men the control point on the Tirana road. About 700 Sigurimi troops are billeted in a barracks near the Skanderbeg cemetery.
- e. The Shkoder air field was unused as of February 1951.
- f. A large building near the military hospital, originally used as a brewery, has been converted to a POL depot.

2. Tirana

- a. The Tirana garrison consists of between six and seven thousand men of the various arms and services.
- b. 14 kilometers from the city on the road to Durres is a large military food depot.
- c. Facing the air field is a POL depot.

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3. Hani Hotit

- a. A border guard headquarters and a Sigurimi headquarters are located here.
- b. About two kilometers from Hani Hotit is a coastal battery, guarding the shores of Lake Shkoder, which is manned by border guard personnel.

4. Milot

A Sigurimi headquarters located here has a strength of 60 men.

5. Kopliku

Along that portion of the shores of Lake Shkoder which is paralleled by the road running from Kopliku to the Yugoslav border, about 6,000 (sic) border guard troops are deployed. About three or four hundred men are known to be quartered in Kopliku.

6. Leah

- a. Four or five thousand (sic) men of the border guard are deployed in the nearby mountains for action against the resistance.
- b. 500 men are quartered in the town.

7. Shengjin

20 Sigurimi members are stationed here.

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